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1. JAN 27 PORTUGUESE PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE SALGADO ZENHA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL PINHEIRO FARINHA CLAIM THAT GOP AND VATICAN HAVE FOUND FORMULA TO RESOLVE DIVORCE PROBLEM IN PORTUGAL. UNDISCLOSED FORMULA SAID TO MEET TWIN REQUIREMENTS OF PORTUGUESE DESIRE TO CHANGE ART 24 OF CONCORDAT AND VATICAN INABILITY TO ALTER DOCTRINE ON DIVORCE. ZENHA PREDICTS GOP APPROVAL OF FORMULA IN FEBRUARY 1975.

2. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT PINHEIRO ACHIEVED TACIT UNDERSTANDING WITH VATICAN, GOP PROCEEDING AS IF FORMULA EXISTS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES. WE NOTE THAT REF (B) REFERS TO TOTAL BAN ON DIVORCE IN PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, CONCORDAT ONLY PROHIBITS DIVORCE IN CASES WHERE THERE WAS MARRIAGE BY CHURCH.
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